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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, the documents listed on the accompanying substitute PTO Form 1449 are called to the attention of the Examiner for the above patent application. Copies of these documents are enclosed.

The listed documents were recently cited during the prosecution of Japanese Patent Application 2-249920 corresponding to U.S. patent application Ser. No. 07/410,194, the grandparent of the present application.

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Japanese patent document UM 53-141343 is a Japanese Utility Model Publication ("JUMP") rather than a Japanese patent publication. Further enclosed is a copy of a brief partial translation, as prepared by the Japanese associate of Applicant's attorney, of JUMP UM 53-141353. Applicant's attorney does not have, and is not aware of, any further English translation of JUMP UM 53-141353.

The undersigned hereby certifies in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

In view of the allowed status of the present application, Applicant's attorney petitions the PTO under 37 CFR 1.97(d) to consider the present information disclosure statement.

Please charge the petition fee of \$130.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(I) to Deposit Account 19-2386. A copy of this paper is enclosed.

Please telephone Applicant's attorney at 408-453-9200, ext. 1371, if there are any questions.

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